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DCR to Present Tree City USA Awards to 88 Massachusetts Communities

ARLINGTON – On Wednesday, June 7, 2017, Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) Deputy Commissioner for Conservation and Resource Stewardship Priscilla Geigis will present the National Arbor Day Foundation's 2016 Tree City USA Award to 88 Massachusetts communities, two Tree Line USA Award to utility companies, and four Tree Campus USA Awards to colleges and universities for their dedication to urban forestry management. The program is sponsored by the National Arbor Day Foundation and is administered by the DCR.

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Who: DCR Deputy Commissioner for Conservation and Resource Stewardship

Priscilla Geigis

What: The presentation of the 2016 Tree City USA Awards, Tree Campus USA Awards, and Tree Line USA Awards

Where: Town Hall Auditorium

730 Massachusetts Avenue

Arlington, MA, 02476

When: Wednesday, June 7, 2017

Start of event: 9:00AM–3:00PM

Awards Ceremony: 1:00PM-3:00PM

Communities to receive Tree City USA recognition includes: Amherst, Andover, Arlington, Bedford, Belmont, Beverly, Boston, Boxford, Brockton, Brookline, Cambridge, Chatham, Chelmsford, Chelsea, Chicopee, Danvers, Dedham, Duxbury, Easton, Everett, Fall River, Framingham, Grafton, Great Barrington, Greenfield, Groton, Hanscom A.F.B., Haverhill, Hingham, Holyoke, Ipswich, Lanesborough, Lawrence, Leominster, Lexington, Longmeadow, Lowell, Ludlow, Lynn, Malden, Marblehead, Marion, Marlborough, Mattapoissett, Maynard, Medfield, Medford, Monson, Nantucket, Natick, Needham, New Salem, Newburyport, Newton, Northampton, Orleans, Peabody, Petersham, Pittsfield, Plymouth, Quincy, Reading, Rochester, Sandwich, Saugus, Sheffield, Somerville, South Hadley, Springfield, Stoneham, Sturbridge, Sutton, Swampscott, Wakefield, Walpole, Waltham, Warren, Watertown, Wellesley, West Bridgewater, West Springfield, Westborough, Westfield, Weston, Westover A.R.B., Weymouth, Winchester, and Worcester.

Colleges and universities to receive Tree Campus USA recognition includes: College of the Holy Cross, Smith College, UMass-Amherst, UMass-Lowell.

Additionally, the Tree Line USA recognition will be awarded to utility companies Eversource and National Grid.

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